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a) providing a document-authoring component which authors a portion of a document which is other than a plain-text [document];

b) providing a document-encoding component which encodes the document as Internet-compatible email;

c) linking the document-authoring component with the document-encoding component such that documents generated under said document-authoring component are automatically encoded as Internet-compatible email.

Please add new claim 25 as follows:

A4
25. An electronic mail client, comprising:

a) a plurality of authoring components, each component for creating a different kind of email message;

b) encoding means ~~for~~ automatically encoding email messages created with said authoring components into an Internet-compatible email message; and

c) decoding means for automatically decoding said email messages encoded by said encoding means.

REMARKS

The first two numbered paragraphs of the Official Action appear to belong to a different application because there was no